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Title: Method and Apparatus for Regenerating the Performance of PEM Fuel Cell	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the accompanying new reissue filing of
 U. S. Patent 6,399,231 that issued June 4, 2002.

Applicants hereby offer to surrender original patent US. 6,399,231.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace Claim 1 of the original patent with the following
 amended Claim 1:

- 1 1. **(Amended)** A method of operating a fuel cell having a
- 2 PEM as the electrolyte, an anode on one side of the
- 3 PEM, a cathode on the other side of the PEM, an
- 4 external electric circuit connecting the anode and